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## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

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### **PSC GRANTS SUSPENSION OF LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY IMPLEMENTATION FOR KLM TELEPHONE**

Jefferson City (August 13, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a request filed by KLM Telephone Company seeking a two year suspension of requirements for implementation of local number portability (LNP) in its service area. The Commission has also granted modifications regarding call rating and routing issues.

KLM Telephone Company sought the suspension due to the adverse economic impact on its customers if those customers were required to bear both the costs associated with implementing local number portability now and the cost of a total switch replacement in two years. The Commission noted in its order that it would be convenient to wait for two years and then replace the switch with one which is local number portability capable. "There is also little, if any, demand for porting in KLM's service area," the Commission's order states. "There is no necessity to require KLM to implement local number portability. If KLM were required to upgrade its switch now, its customers would incur unnecessary duplicative costs."

Under LNP, a customer would be able to take his/her land line telephone number to another provider (such as wireless).

KLM Telephone Company provides service to customers in Bates and Vernon counties in western Missouri.

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